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KATE STEINLE SHOOTING

Anger swirls after gunman's acquittal

Prison unlikely: Undocumented immigrant is facing federal warrant and deportation hearing as Justice Department considers other charges



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Linda Kraechan, of San Francisco, stops Friday to say a prayer for Kate Steinle's family at an impromptu memorial at Pier 14, the location where Steinle was shot and killed in July 2015 while walking with her father in San Francisco.

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President Donald Trump fired off more angry tweets and #boycott-SanFrancisco trended on social media on Friday, a day after a jury acquitted a five-time deported Mexican national in the 2015 shooting death of Kate Steinle on a city pier. While Mayor Ed Lee defended his city's immigration policies and a memorial grew at the scene of Steinle's death, questions arose about what happens next to the man at the center of the firestorm: Jose Ines



Steinle



Since the gunman's acquittal on murder and manslaughter charges Thursday, flowers and notes have been added at the memorial for Steinle.

"2 years ago, the city of San Francisco killed Kate Steinle. Yesterday, the city of San Francisco spit on her grave."

— tweet from Joe Walsh, former Illinois congressman and conservative radio host

More inside: Dreamers, community activists wonder how political tensions from verdict will affect chances of reviving DACA policy. **PAGE B1**

Garcia Zarate. It appears, though, despite the jury finding him guilty of being a felon in possession of a gun, he won't spend a day in state prison. When a San Francisco Superior Court judge sentences him Dec. 14, Garcia Zarate, 54, could face up to three years in state prison on the sole charge for which a jury convicted him, but that sentence could be erased by credit for the time he's already spent in jail since his arrest five days after the shooting. However — unlike the last time he was released onto the streets of San Francisco before federal immigration officials could detain him — he will not walk out of jail a free man. On Friday, a U.S. De- **STEINLE » PAGE 6**

LATE-NIGHT SCRAMBLE

Senate passes tax bill, 51-49

Last-minute deals swing Republican holdouts on plan favoring corporations, wealthy

By Alan Fram, Marcy Gordon and Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Republicans pushed a nearly \$1.5 trillion tax bill through the Senate early Saturday after a burst of eleventh-hour horse trading, as a party starved all year for a major legislative triumph took a giant step toward giving President Donald Trump one of his top priorities by Christmas. "Big bills are rarely popular. You remember how unpopular 'Obamacare' was when it passed?" Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in an interview, shrugging off polls showing scant public enthusiasm for the measure. He said the legislation would prove to be "just what the country needs to get growing again." Senate approval came on a 51-49 roll call with Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the only lawmaker to cross party lines. The measure focuses its tax reductions on businesses and higher-earning individuals, gives more modest breaks to others and offers the boldest rewrite of the nation's tax system since 1986. Republicans touted the package as one that would benefit people of all incomes and ignite the economy. Even an official projection of a \$1 trillion, 10-year flood of deeper budget deficits couldn't dissuade GOP senators from rallying behind the bill. "Obviously I'm kind of a dinosaur on the fiscal issues," said Corker, who battled to keep the bill from worsening the government's accumulated \$20 trillion in IOUs. **TAXES » PAGE 6**

More inside: Republicans search for proof their tax cut bill will pay for itself. **PAGE A2**

SPECIAL COUNSEL

Flynn guilty plea advances Russia investigation

Ex-adviser reportedly briefed Kushner on envoy contacts

By Carol D. Leonnig, Adam Entous, Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky
Washington Post

WASHINGTON » Former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about his contacts with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, an ominous sign for the White House, as Flynn is cooperating in the ongoing probe of possible coordination between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin to influence the 2016 election. When he was forced out of the White House in February, officials said Flynn had misled the administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, about his contacts with Kislyak. But court records and people familiar with the contacts indicated he was acting in consultation with senior Trump transition officials, including President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner. **FLYNN » PAGE 6**



Flynn

FIRE INSPECTORS ADDED

A year after Ghost Ship, is city safer?

Procedural changes to police, fire and building departments in the pipeline

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OAKLAND — One year ago, 36 men and women suffocated inside an Oakland warehouse, choked by thick black smoke and unable to navigate their way out of a labyrinth of furniture, statues and pianos. Today, the city struggles in its own maze of bureaucracy as it tries to ensure that such a disaster never happens again.

A year after the deadliest structure blaze in modern California history, the city continues to work on critical policy and procedural changes within Oakland's fire and building departments — identified by officials as key in preventing another Ghost Ship warehouse inferno. The city had been operating with the same number of fire inspectors until it hired one in September and two more last month, with another inspector to **GHOST SHIP » PAGE 5**



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Ryon Gesnik, of Oakland, pays his respects at a memorial to the Ghost Ship tragedy last December.

More online: Read the East Bay Times' award-winning coverage of the Ghost Ship warehouse fire at WWW.EASTBAYTIMES.COM/TAG/OAKLAND-WAREHOUSE-FIRE/